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FM AMEMBASSY SAN JOSE

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INFO AMEMBASSY BERLIN

AMEMBASSY BUCHAREST

AMEMBASSY PRAGUE

AMEMBASSY VIENNA

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SUBJECT: COSTA RICA TO ABOLISH EMBASSY IN AUSTRIA

1. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS SAID TO BE BASED ON FOREIGN
MINISTRY SOURCES OF FEBRUARY 21, COSTA RICA WILL CLOSE DOWN
ITS EMBASSY IN VIENNA WHICH PREVIOUSLY HANDLED COSTA RICAN
DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA, POLAND, RUMANIA,
AND THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC.
2. ACCORDING TO THESE REPORTS COSTA RICA WILL NAME AN
AMBASSADOR TO RUMANIA WHO WILL COVER SOME SOCIALIST COUNTRIES
AND AUSTRIA. A MINISTRY OFFICIAL TOLD THE EMBASSY
THAT COSTA RICA'S CHARGE D'AFFAIRES PRESENTLY IN BUCHAREST WILL
HANDLE ONLY RUMANIAN AFFAIRS, BUT THAT REPRESENTATION
TO THE OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES FORMERLY HANDLED FROM
VIENNA HAS NOT BEEN FINALLY DETERMINED.
3. THE AFORE-
MENTIONED CHANGE WAS PRECIPITATED BY
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THE ALLEGED MISCONDUCT OF THE COSTA RICAN AMBASSADOR

IN VIENNA, ARNOLDO ORTIZ. REPORTEDLY, ORTIZ HAS BEEN
FIRED, HAS LEFT BEHIND DEBTS OF CLOSE TO \$100,000, AND
IS PRESENTLY IN MEXICO WHERE HE WAS REPORTED TO HAVE
MAILED IN HIS DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT TO THE COSTA RICAN
EMBASSY.
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